(i) Insurance of detailed guidelines by RBI to scheduled commercial banks from time to time for rehabilitation of sick units with specific reference to definition of sickness, viability norms, incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation packages in the case of potentially viable sick units;

(ii) There is a State Level Inter-Institutional Committee (SLIIC) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretry, Industries Department for working out a rehabilitation package of viable sick small scale units referred to it ;

(iii) Under the National Equity Fund operated by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIBI), financial assistance upto Rs. 1.5 lakh per unit with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakh is provided as long term equity type of assitance as well as for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick SSI units.

(iv) Under the Centrally Sponsored Margin Money Scheme for Revival of Sick Small Scale Units, financial assistance upto Rs. 50,000 per unit is provided for rehabilitation purposes. The amount sanctioned by Government of India since the inception of the scheme upto 25,3-92 to the State of Bihar stood at Rs. 23.00 lakhs.

As a follow-up of the new policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6-8-91, a Committee to review the arrangements for meeting th working capital requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI Memorandum dated 9-12-91.

Location of Defence oriented units in Rajasthan

*400. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there are many places in Rajasthan which are suitable for the location of defence oriented units;

(b) whether the Central Government have so far taken any decision on the request of the Rajasthan Government to set up defence oriented industrial units in the State during the current financial year or during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) to (c) Rajasthan has the potential for location of defence oriented units. However, having regard to the requirements and already available capacities in the Industry, there is presently no proposal to set up any new defence production unit anywhere in India, including Rajasthan.

M/s. Pyrites phosphate and chmicals Limited

3737. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a detailed project report prepared by P.P.C.L. for the manufacture of SSP/DAP and other options for utilising Saladipur Pyrites found around village Saladipura of Sikar district;

(b) if so, whether the project report has since been considered and given approval by Government ; and

(c) if so, by when a Sulphuric Acid and Super Phosphate Plant likely to be set up by M/s. Pyrites Phosphate and Chemical Limited, if not, the reasons therefor and what is the present stage of progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) PPCL's proposal was examined very carefully, however, no decision has been taken because the project would not be vialble without a considerable initial capital subsidy.

Addition of new societies

3738 SHRI RAGHAVJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Department keeps adding new societies or centres;

(b) if so, the details of such additions during the last three years ; yearwise; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for coordinating with societies of other Scientific Departments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) This Department co-ordinates with other Scientific Departments by participating in decision making levels by scientific representatives. The Department also co-ordinates scientific activites carried out in a variety of subjects through grants made by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences.

Setting up of nuclear power plants in the southern region

3739. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up nuclear power plants in the southern region of the country ; and

(b) if so, which are the places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from nuclear power stations presently in operation and construction, the proposal of Department of Atomic Energy for the eighth five year plan envisages setting up of 4 x 220 M We units at Kaiga (Kaiga 3 to 6) subject to availability of funds. In addition as per Inter Governmental Agreement between USSR and India signed in November, 1988, there is a proposal to set up 2x1000 MWe units, the site for which is Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu. Further decision on this project would be taken in the light of recent developments regarding supply of equipment, credit, etc.

Option for military pension for the retired defence personnel employed in Atomic establishments

3740. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Atomic Energy Workers and Staff Union, Bombay urging for grant of second option to the re-employed defence pensioners in Atomic Energy Establishments to come over to Military Pension so that they get better retirement benefits;

(b) if so, whether decision has been taken in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The representation was addressed to Prime Minister and the same has been received in the Department from Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare.

(b) The re-employed pensioners on confirmation in the Civil Post were given option either to continue to draw Military Pension or to come over to Civil Pension by refunding Pensionary benefits of the service rendered in Defence so that the military service may be counted for the purpose of Civil Pension. A decision whether such re-employed pensioners, who have exercised this option may go back to military pension has not yet been taken.

(c) The matter will be considered taking into account the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission in this regard.

Technical Collaboration for Saleempur Aromatic Complex

@3741. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the approval of the technical collaboration and capital goods import for Saleempur Aromatic Complex in U.P. and

(b) if so, what follow up action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) and (b) M/s. J. K. Petrochemicals hold a Letter of Intent dated 23rd May, 1989 for setting up an Aromatic Complex at Saleempur in Uttar Pradesh. The said company has filed an application for approval of foreign collaboration for getting the technical know-how for the aforesaid project. No application for import of Capital Goods for the project from the company has been received.

Decision of the Government in regard to the application for foreign collaboration filed by the company is likely to be taken shortly.

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